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April 26, 2023

The Honorable Julie A. Su  
Acting Secretary  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW  
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Dear Acting Secretary Su:

On April 18, on behalf of the members of the Committee on Education and the Workforce (Committee), I sent you a letter inviting you to testify at a full Committee hearing on May 17.<sup>1</sup> Now, more than a week having passed, I write seeking your response. Will you confirm that you will appear before the Committee on the date requested in my invitation?

As I noted in my invitation, I am troubled that you are more interested in protecting your record before the Senate acts on your nomination to become the Secretary of Labor than you are in fulfilling your obligation to answer questions posed by members of the Committee. I was further concerned that you are avoiding answering questions posed by Committee members before a potential consideration of your nomination by the Senate. This concern was only magnified by your blatant dodge of a question asked by Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, following your appearance before that Committee on April 20. Sen. Cassidy asked, "Do you intend to accept Chair Foxx's request to testify before the House Committee on Education & the Workforce (dated March 17, 2023)? If not, why not?"<sup>2</sup> In response, you wrote the following:

I am committed to ensuring that the Department is responsive to oversight requests and provides Congress with the information that it needs consistent with relevant law and regulation, including by testifying in front of relevant committees when appropriate. My staff continues to work with Chairwoman

<sup>1</sup> Letter from Rep. Virginia Foxx, Chairwoman, H. Comm. on Educ. & the Workforce, to Julie A. Su, Acting Sec'y of Lab. (Apr. 18, 2023), [https://edworkforce.house.gov/uploadedfiles/04.18.23\\_letter\\_to\\_acting\\_secretary\\_su.pdf](https://edworkforce.house.gov/uploadedfiles/04.18.23_letter_to_acting_secretary_su.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> *Nomination of Julie Su to Serve as Secretary of Labor: Hearing Before the S. Comm. on Health, Educ., Lab., & Pensions*, 118th Cong. (2023) (questions for the record).

Foxx's staff regarding the timing of that testimony, but I fully intend on testifying before the House Education and Workforce Committee.<sup>3</sup>

Not only is your response vague and unhelpful to Sen. Cassidy and the members of his Committee, but it is also disrespectful to me and the members of this Committee. To be clear, it is "appropriate" for you to testify when you were invited to do so—on May 17. It is "appropriate" to allow the Committee to fulfill its oversight responsibilities in a timely manner and to evaluate your leadership of the Department of Labor.

Committee staff provided your staff with ample time for you to consider dates and prepare your testimony. You are now failing to return that courtesy by letting time pass without a response to my letter and by providing an unresponsive answer to Sen. Cassidy's clear question. Accordingly, so that the Committee can prepare for a hearing with you or use that valuable time for another hearing, I ask you again: Will you confirm that you will appear before the Committee on May 17? Please provide a response in writing with your clear confirmation that you will accept my invitation as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 28.

Sincerely,



Virginia Foxx  
Chairwoman

CC: The Honorable Robert C. "Bobby" Scott  
The Honorable Bill Cassidy

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<sup>3</sup> *Id.*